

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A communication device comprising
 ~~means~~ a receiver for receiving a call signal from a remote
source, said receiver including
 an audible ring generator for activating a ring signal
responsive to the receipt of the call signal, and
 deactivation means for turning off an activated ring signal
including, and
 ~~means for operating said deactivation means to turn off a~~
~~ring signal by striking the communication device~~
 a microphone for receiving environmental noise,
 a signal generator for generating a struck signal when
the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting
from the striking of the communication device, and
 a processor for receiving a generated struck signal and
for turning off the activated ring signal upon receiving a
generated struck signal.

2 (Cancelled). A communication device according to claim 1,
wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn
off a ring signal by striking the communication device comprises
 signal generating means for generating a struck signal when
the communication device is struck,
 processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and
producing a control signal and
 ringer control means for actuating said means for operating
said deactivation means to turn off a ring signal by striking the
communication device upon the receipt of a control signal.

3 (Cancelled). A communication device according to claim 1,
wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn
off a ring signal by striking the communication device comprises
 microphone means for receiving environmental noise,

signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting from the striking of the communication device,

processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal and

ringer control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off a ring signal by striking the communication device upon the receipt of a control signal.

4 (original). A communication device according to claim 1, wherein said communication device is a mobile phone.

5 (Currently Amended). A portable device comprising an audible alert generator for activating an alert signal responsive to alert the user of some required action,

deactivation means for turning off an activated alert signal including, and

~~means for operating said deactivation means to turn off the alert signal by striking the communication device~~

a microphone for receiving environmental noise,

a signal generator for generating a struck signal when the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting from the striking of the device, and

a processor for receiving a generated struck signal and for turning off the activated alert signal upon receiving a generated struck signal.

6 (Cancelled). A device according to claim 5, wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off the alert signal by striking the device comprises

signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the device is struck,

processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal and

alert control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device upon the receipt of a control signal.

7 (Cancelled). A device according to claim 5, wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device comprises

microphone means for receiving environmental noise,

signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting from the striking of the device,

processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal and

alert control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device upon the receipt of a control signal.

8 (Original). A device according to claim 5, wherein the action taken after the contact has been detected is programmable..

9 (Original). A device according to claim 5, where there is a pattern of interaction from the user to select a programmable action by the device.

10 (Original). A device according to claim 5, wherein said communication device is a mobile phone.

11 (Original). A device according to claim 5, wherein said device is a personal digital assistant (PDA).

12 (Original). A device according to claim 5, wherein said device is a personal mobile device.